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## Media Advisory : Chapel Service

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## News Media Advisory

**Event:** Chapel Service by Rabbi Susan Talve,  
Central Reform Congregation, St. Louis

*This is the only Jewish congregation in the City of St. Louis*

**Presentation:** Hearing Women's Voices Speak Torah

**Date:** Oct. 13 (Wed.)

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Location:** Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington

**Admission:** Open to the public; no charge

### Background:

Rabbi Susan Talve of St. Louis' Central Reform Congregation performs leads worship services for almost 500 households that comprise the congregation. She also teaches courses on Jewish life and thought in both the Jewish and non-Jewish community. She is past president of the St. Louis Rabbinical Association.

Strongly committed to *Tikkun Olam*--healing the world--Rabbi Talve has led her congregation in developing an ongoing relationship with Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church, an African-American church with similar values. Members of the two congregations have developed numerous socially responsible projects, including co-sponsoring of joint annual congregational services commemorating the life of slain civil-rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and a public-school mentoring program that has won national acclaim as a positive response to racism and violence.

Rabbi Talve served as the vice chair of Missourians for Freedom and Justice, an organization founded to counter the attempt to deny civil liberties to the gay and lesbian community.

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Rabbi Talve was ordained by Cincinnati's Hebrew Union College, where she earned a master's degree in Hebrew Letters and founded the Jewish Early Learning Cooperative, Ohio's first licensed infant child-care program in the workplace. She has received the college's "Stephen Levinson Award for Community Service."

She was selected by *St. Louis Magazine* to be one of its "Outstanding St. Louisans Under 40."

In 1992, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis awarded her their first "Woman of Valor" Award.

Rabbi Talve is a member of the National Organization for Women and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. She serves on the boards of Parenting for Peace and Justice and the National Conference of Community and Justice. In May, 1993, she was given the "Trumpet of Justice Award" by the Institute of Peace and Justice.

She and husband, Rabbi James Stone Goodman of the Neve Shalom Congregation, live in Clayton, Mo., with their three children. Rabbi Talve helped found and continues to lead a group at St. Louis Children's Hospital for families of children with congenital heart defects.

The Central Reform Congregation is located at 77 Maryland Plaza, St. Louis, 314/361-3919.